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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: STATUS OF OVERSEAS CHINESE IN LAOS

1. THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW WEEKS IN LAOS AND ELSEWHERE IN INDOCHINA HAVE INCREASED THE CONCERN OF AN ALREADY PESSIMISTIC AND NERVOUS CHINESE COMMUNITY IN LAOS. MANY HAD PREPARED THEIR EXIT PLANS WELL IN ADVANCE. ASSETS IN LAOS HAD BEEN REDUCED, CHILDREN SENT ABROAD, ETC. NOW, HOWEVER, QUITE A FEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE DECIDED IT IS TIME TO GO.

2. CHINESE IN LAOS WHO HAVE BECOME SUCCESSFUL HAVE ALMOST ALWAYS DONE SO BECAUSE BEHIND THEIR OSTENSIBLE BUSINESS THEY WERE SMUGGLING, PROFITING FROM THE EXCHANGE OF DOLLARS AT THE LEGAL RATE, OR ILLEGALLY OBTAINING SOLE IMPORT OR EXPORT RIGHTS FOR A VALUABLE COMMODITY. AT THE SAME
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TIME, DURING THE WAR YEARS, THE LAO GOVERNMENT TACITLY

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ALLOWED TAIWAN TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THREE OF THE FOUR
CHINESE SCHOOLS, THE ONES IN LUANG PRABANG, PAKSE AND
VIETNAINE, WHOSE CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTORS AND PRINCIPAL
CAME FROM THE ROC. DURING THAT SAME PERIOD NUMEROUS
HIGH RLG OFFICIALS HAVE QUIETLY VISITED TAIWAN, OFTEN
ESCORTED BACK BY LOCAL ROC INTELLIGENCE AGENTS, AS
GOVERNMENT GUESTS. EVEN WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
ACCORDS AND THE RETURN OF A CHINESE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
AMBASSADOR, PROBABLY BECAUSE THEFFP+
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